

Remarks/Arguments:

In the Office Action dated May 16, 2006, Applicants' specification was objected to based on formalities. Claim 21 was objected to for allegedly being in improper dependent form. Claims 11-14 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,092,781 ("Hohl et al.") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,170,506 ("Butwin et al.").

Applicants gratefully appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of allowable subject matter in claims 15-20. As set forth below, Applicants are adopting the suggestions set forth in the Office Action to place the claims in form for immediate allowance.

Specification

Applicants are enclosing a substitute specification which is more consistent with the guidelines set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.77(b). No new matter has been added.

Claim Objections

Claim 21 has been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of dependent claim 15, which was deemed to be allowable in the Office Action. No new matter has been added. Therefore, claim 11 is believed to be in allowable form.

Claims 12-14 and 16-21 are dependent on claim 11 and incorporate the allowable subject matter now recited in claim 11. Therefore, claims 12-14 and 16-21 are also believed to be in allowable form.

Claim 15 does not further limit the subject matter of claim 11 as amended. Therefore, claim 15 has been cancelled. Claim 16 has been amended to change the base claim from claim 15 to claim 11.

Conclusions

Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for immediate allowance, and prompt action in this regard is requested at this time. If the Examiner believes there are any outstanding issues preventing such action, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at (610) 407-0700.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Substitute Specification (5 pages)

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